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THERE'S just no question that luscious babe Jennifer Ellison really is a Christmas cracker...

There might still be 12 days to go but the blonde beauty is already looking festively fab.

And what red-blooded fella could resist coming over all seasonal after a glimpse of these stunning pics.

Yep, the lovely Liverpool lass makes one sizzling snow queen in these exclusive winter wonderland shots.

Jen, who has just finished a much-acclaimed run in hit West End musical Chicago, is hoping to wind down soon so she can get stuck in to some festive fun 'n' frolics.

But last night she was due to attend the New York premiere of her first Hollywood film, *Phantom Of The Opera*.

And it's believed the 21-year-old babe has been offered a starring role in a Big Apple production of *Chicago*.

It's been a busy year for her. She made her movie

debut in the big screen version of the Andrew Lloyd Webber musical *Phantom*.

And she stole the show at the London premiere last week when she dazzled in a curve-clinging £20,000 crystal encrusted dress.

But before that the Scouse sex-pot cooked up a storm to win ITV's hit show *Hell's Kitchen*.

Achieving new-found cooking skills under the watchful eye of superchef Gordon Ramsay, she now plans to put these to good use this Crimbo.

Letting us in on her plans for a yuletide feast for 20 people, Jen confides: "On Christmas Day all my family are coming and I'm doing the full

works for them. On Boxing Day it's my Tony's family's turn - they're going to get a feast, too."

Giggling she added: "I don't know what I'm letting myself in for!"

But we're sure it will all go very nicely for the newly converted domestic goddess, who's keen to impress fiancé Tony Richardson, 26, as she is desperate to tie the knot in a lavish ceremony next year.

"I can't wait to marry Tony and have a family," she continues. "He keeps my feet on the ground and he's my soul-mate."

Not that former Brookside star, who plays Meg Giry in the big budget *Phantom*, is planning on putting her ever-more successful career on ice just yet a while. In fact she's set on fulfilling her dreams in Tinseltown.

"I've only done one film but I'd love to follow in the footsteps of Catherine Zeta Jones," beams the ex-soap siren.

"I really admire and respect her and the hard work she's done."

"Next year is the time to focus on what I want to do. I don't want to be a pop star now - I want to concentrate on acting."

by Emily Volkert

FEAST FOR YOUR EYES: Jen looks good enough to eat on the slopes and aims to tickle those taste-buds at Christmas



TV GUIDE



- 6.00 BREAKFAST** (T) 91875394. 9.15 Moneyspinners (T) 3027892. 10.00 Homes Under The Hammer (T) 61394. 11.00 Builders Sweat And Tears (T) 9936. 11.30 Mind Your Own Business (Rpt) (T) 5315.
- 12.00 BARGAIN HUNT** Two teams of fathers and daughters shop for bargains in Newark (Rpt) (T) 22868.
- 12.30 BOSCASTLE AT CHRISTMAS** (T) 49023.
- 1.00 BBC NEWS, WEATHER** (T) 58874.
- 1.30 REGIONAL NEWS, WEATHER** 31388049.
- 1.40 NEIGHBOURS** See 5.35pm for details (T) 32986226.
- 2.05 DOCTORS** George and Ronnie come to Helen's rescue (T) 98704771.
- 2.35 MURDER, SHE WROTE** When Jessica pays an impromptu visit to an old friend, she walks right into the middle of a puzzling murder case (Rpt) (T) 2504684.
- 3.20 BBC NEWS, REGIONAL NEWS, WEATHER** (T) 8047771.
- 3.25 CBEBIES: PUI'S EXPLORE MONDAY: TOTS TV** (T) 8037394. 3.35 Boo! (Rpt) (T) 9121961. 3.45 CBBC: Mona The Vampire (Rpt) (T) 9962435. 4.05 The Scooby-Doo Show (Rpt) (T) 4717110. 4.30 Bring It On (Rpt) (T) 333. 5.00 Blue Peter (T) 6611329. 5.25 Newsround (T) 9876634.
- 5.35 NEIGHBOURS** Serena struggles to maintain her friendship with Lana. Sindi feels she's being exploited by her boss (Rpt) (T) 408955.
- 6.00 BBC NEWS** (T) 416.
- 6.30 REGIONAL NEWS, WEATHER** (T) 868.
- 7.00 HOLIDAY 2005** Ginny Buckley is in Cork for the city's annual jazz festival. Steve Backshall returns to Bali after the bombings and Nicky Taylor travels to Majorca with the kids (T) 5139.
- 7.30 REAL STORY WITH FIONA BRUCE** The father of Caroline Dickinson, the teenager murdered on a school trip to France, talks exclusively to Fiona about his campaign for an international DNA database (T) 752.
- 8.00 EASTENDERS** Stacey's time on the Square is coming to an end and Sam (Kim Medcalf) is forced to sell off more of the Mitchell empire (T) 7787.
- 8.30 GROUND FORCE** The team help make over the garden of a woman who has fostered more than 70 children. They recycle paving and make pergolas, plantings and water features while her husband takes her away (T) 3394.
- 9.00 SPOOKS** Danny and Fiona investigate a house they suspect is being used by north African terrorists. While the agents are installing a listening device, a gang of terrorists take them hostage (T) 6145.
- 10.00 BBC NEWS** (T) 23597.
- 10.30 REGIONAL NEWS, WEATHER** (T) 693226.
- 10.35 WHAT RON SAID** This programme documents the fall from grace of TV pundit Ron Atkinson after his racist outburst about ex-Chelsea footballer Marcel Desailly (T) 775684.
- 11.35 FILM 2004 WITH JONATHAN ROSS** Jonathan casts his critical eye over Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events, with Jim Carrey as the villainous Count Olaf (T) 431936.
- 12.05 FILM: AN ALAN SMITHEE FILM: BURN, HOLLYWOOD, BURN** (1998) (See Guide) 1267849. 1.30 Sign Zone: Natural World (Rpt) (T) 1180578. 2.20 Sign Zone: Too Close For Comfort (Rpt) (T) 8532733. 2.50 Sign Zone: ONE Life (Rpt) (T) 3591578. 3.35-6.00 BBC News 24 59446153.
- REGIONAL VARIATIONS:** Wales - 6.30 Wales Today, Weather 868. 7.30-8.00 X-Ray 752.



- 6.00 CBBC 2039918.** 10.30 Science Clips (Rpt) (T) 4880329. 10.40 Internet Primary Chat Guide (T) 1031416. 10.50 Wipe Out (Rpt) (T) 9746400. 11.20 Coming To England (Rpt) (T) 5626394. 12.20 Trade Secrets (Rpt) (T) 3996684. 12.30 Working Lunch 47665. 1.00 Nile Shorts (Rpt) (T) 32688503. 1.15 Nile Shorts: Journey Down The Nile (Rpt) (T) 32683058. 1.30 Film: The Paleface (1948) (See Guide) 26752. 3.00 Nick Baker (Rpt) (T) 4400. 3.30 Animal Park (Rpt) (T) 97329. 4.30 Ready Steady Cook (T) 3391416. 5.15 Weakest Link (Rpt) (T) 7218139. 6.00 Flog It! (Rpt) (T) 918. 6.30 Facing The Music (T) 110. 7.00 HeadJam (Rpt) (T) 6481. 7.30 Britain's Best Buildings (Rpt) (T) 394. 8.00 Rick Stein's Food Heroes (Rpt) (T) 5329.



CORNERED: Sam, BBC1, 8pm

- 8.30 UNIVERSITY CHALLENGE** St Andrews v Manchester (T) 1936.
- 9.00 DEAD RINGERS** Topical sketch show (T) 6662.
- 9.30 THE KUMARS AT NO 42** With Donny Osmond (T) 30329.
- 10.00 THE SMOKING ROOM** (T) 21139.
- 10.30 NEWSNIGHT** (T) 280844.
- 11.20 TOP GEAR** (Rpt) (T) 416412. 12.20 Trouble At The Top (Rpt) (T) 3614172. 1.00-6.00 BBC Learning Zone 2701004.
- REGIONAL VARIATIONS:** Wales - 10.30 Bobinogs 4880329.



- 6.00 FOURWAYS FARM** (Rpt) 7440752. 6.10 The Hoobs (Rpt) (T) 9048936. 6.35 The Hoobs (Rpt) (T) 5717435. 7.00 B4 5395868. 7.25 Friends (Rpt) (T) 5398955. 7.55 Everybody Loves Raymond (Rpt) 1522955. 8.25 King Of Queens 8092232. 8.55 Futurama (Rpt) (T) 6138226. 9.30 Chancers (Rpt) (T) 6939023. 10.35 Hollyoaks On The Pull (T) 8009446. 10.55 Friends (Rpt) (T) 5630597. 11.30 Friends (Rpt) (T) 9503. 12.00 News (T) 11706. 12.30 Cheers (Rpt) (T) 38961. 1.00 Ed (T) 1467416. 1.50 Dr Quinn, Medicine Woman (T) 1778874. 2.45 The Courtroom (Rpt) (T) 311619. 3.15 Countdown (T) 4845058. 4.00 A Place In The Sun (T) 6226. 5.00 Richard & Judy (T) 3348. 6.00 The Simpsons (T) 226. 6.30 Hollyoaks (T) 706. 7.00 News (T) 102226. 7.55 3 Minute Wonder (T) 718145.
- 8.00 THE ART SHOW** (T) 9619. 9.00 Bomber Crew (T) 6955. 10.00 Without A Trace (T) 9042. 11.00 Without A Trace (T) 51961. 12.00 Putting The Fun In Fundamental 4702085. 1.10 Skiing 600019. 3.00 Mountain Biking 47603511. 3.25 Skateboarding 47622646. 3.50 Torso In The Thames: The Search For Adam's Killers (Rpt) (T) 9927117. 4.50 The Haven (Rpt) (T) 1627462. 5.50-6.10 Pelswick 9287356.

S4C As Channel 4 except: 8.25 King Of Queens 4011460. 8.55 Cheers 4013353. 9.15 Supporting Acts 9444160. 9.25 Third Watch 3967690. 10.15 Third Watch 62563435. 11.05 Dr Quinn, Medicine Woman 6992232. 12.30 Binca 1279748. 12.40 Barru 13723508. 1.00 Pentre Bach 4988058. 1.15 A Place In The Sun 2090361. 2.15 Other People's Holidays 20921215. 3.15 Countdown 7943790. 4.00 Dan Dalrys 57454771. 4.25 OFN 87016312. 4.50 Film 69448346. 5.00 The Simpsons 6898912. 6.30 Rownd A Rownd 68907771. 7.00 Wedi 7 74570416. 7.25 Newyddion 52676752. 7.55 Caland Adref 40591619. 8.00 Pobol Y Cwm 11861685. 8.25 Pwy Ffasi Siant 86216869. 9.00 Cwm Gwlad 69779023. 9.30 Sgorio 3410684. 10.35 Father Ted 35564584. 11.05 Bomber Crew 9530654. 12.05 Without A Trace 74316530. 1.00 Without A Trace 72008511. 1.50 Film: Damage (1992) 94704638. 3.40 Film: Gollum Off Time (2000) 11733820. 5.10-6.10 Close



- 6.00 SUNRISE** 7637139. 6.30 Milkshake! 33513955. 9.25 The Wright Stuff 84728868. 10.30 Sunset Beach (Rpt) (T) 2629771. 11.25 House Doctor (Rpt) (T) 19131058. 11.50 The Wright Stuff Extra 38099665. 12.00 Five News At Noon (T) 6432482. 12.30 Home And Away (Rpt) (T) 2932481. 1.00 Family Affairs (Rpt) (T) 3934110. 1.35 BrainTeaser 3023058. 2.35 Blow Out (T) 1161787. 3.30 News (T) 97824787.

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- 3.35 FILM: THREE DAYS** (2001) (See Guide) 3328936. 5.30 News (T) 2364856. 6.00 Home And Away (T) 3818459. 6.30 Family Affairs (T) 8662351. 7.00 News (T) 4920139.
- 7.30 MUMMY: THE INSIDE STORY** Featuring Nesperennub (Rpt) (T) 7784232.
- 8.30 FIFTH GEAR** Motoring magazine (T) 4918394.
- 9.00 WHITNEY'S ADDICTIONS** The fall from grace of one of pop's squeaky-clean superstars (T) 4035665.
- 10.00 IS SHE REALLY GOING OUT WITH HIM?** How unattractive male celebrities manage to land themselves beautiful girlfriends (T) 85014706.
- 11.05 THE WORLD'S MOST SHOCKING ADS** (T) 1789706. 12.05 Lexx (T) 6478424. 12.55 NBA Action 7414733. 1.20 NFL Live 99958882. 5.35-6.00 Motorsport Mundial 78926207.



- 6.00 GMTV** 7681077. 9.25 Trisha (T) 8842990. 10.30 This Morning (T) 22597. 12.30 ITV Lunchtime News, Weather (T) 47619.
- 1.00 TODAY WITH DES AND MEL** Daily entertainment and chat (T) 35974.
- 2.00 I WANT THAT HOUSE** This edition comes live from Florida (T) 2619.
- 2.30 WILDLIFE SOS** A group of fox cubs are ready to move to the country 955.
- 3.00 REGIONAL NEWS, WEATHER** (T) 6019145.
- 3.15 MIFFY AND FRIENDS** (Rpt) (T) 8042226. 3.20 Engie Benji (Rpt) (T) 8136619. 3.30 Atomic Betty (T) 400. 4.00 All Grown Up! (Rpt) (T) 435. 4.30 My Parents Are Aliens. Brian offers to get Josh a date with one of the school's fittest athletes, but things do not work out as planned (T) 619.
- 5.00 I WANT THAT HOUSE** The winner of the competition to win a house in Italy is revealed in this live programme from Florida (T) 5706.
- 6.00 REGIONAL NEWS, WEATHER** (T) 684.
- 6.30 ITV EVENING NEWS, WEATHER** (T) 936.
- 7.00 EMMERDALE** Val's Italian stallion is exposed as a sham and before long the sob story comes out. Dawn gets jealous of Jenny and vows to prove that she can be a babe too. Relations between Len and Jarvis remain frosty (T) 6435.
- 7.30 CORONATION STREET** Not even the force of Mother Nature can free Shelley from Charlie. Tyrone's bubble is burst as word spreads of Nick's return. The proof of the pudding's in the eating when Les bites off more than he can chew (T) 348.
- 8.00 TONIGHT WITH TREVOR MCDONALD** Headline-making investigations, and exclusive interviews and features, with Trevor McDonald and the Tonight team (T) 9955.
- 8.30 CORONATION STREET** Charlie gives Shelley a dressing down when she puts his money where her mouth is. Violet pours cold water on Jason's hopes of romance. The factory girls stage a kangaroo court and it's Angela who's in the dock (T) 4690.
- 9.00 CAN'T BUY ME LOVE** Painter and decorator Alan Harris (Martin Kemp) aims to win back his estranged wife by telling her that he has won the lottery. To keep up the facade that he is a lottery millionaire, he borrows £10,000 from his mistress and finds that banks are only too keen to give him credit. Pressure mounts as he maintains his lie and juggles the two women in his life. Based on a true story (T) 5597.
- 10.30 ITV NEWS** (T) 27313.
- 11.00 2DTV** This week, what happens when Kim and Aggie try to clean up Gordon Ramsay's kitchen, why Victoria Beckham is Too Posh to Nosh and how the London Grand Prix could go disastrously wrong (T) 860416.
- 11.25 FILMING THE PHANTOM: THE MAKING OF THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA** A look at the making of the film adaptation of Andrew Lloyd Webber's blockbuster musical 863503.
- 11.55 THE JULES AND LULU SHOW** Camp entertainment show (T) 923139.
- 12.25 UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE WEEKLY** 5490795. 12.50 Blu Cantrell In Profile. An in-depth look at the singer (T) 7145714. 1.15 Moving Day (Rpt) (T) 2513714. 1.40 Trisha (T) 8405627. 2.55 Everything Must Go (Rpt) (T) 4327004. 3.20 Entertainment Now! (Rpt) (T) 47625733. 3.45 Tonight With Trevor McDonald (Rpt) (T) 29566733. 4.10 ITV Nightscreen (T) 4956375. 5.30-6.00 ITV Early Morning News (T) 63581.



MIKE WARD WHAT'S HOT TO WATCH

EVER thought of pretending you've won the lottery? Of course not, because you aren't a total wassock. Sadly, this is more than can be said for the character Martin Kemp plays in tonight's ITV1 drama Can't Buy Me Love (9pm). A painter and decorator with bog-all money-sense, he tries to win back his estranged wife (Michelle Collins) by allowing

her to believe he's won nearly nine million squid. "I need to know this isn't just another of your lies," she replies, cautiously. But that's exactly what it is, of course, and by the time he's decided he should come clean, things are way beyond his control. It's a classic soap-style tale of greed, desperation, deceit, lousy communication and a guy with the IQ of a satsuma,

so you won't be surprised to hear it's written by one of EastEnders' top script people, Tony Jordan.

Elsewhere, in What Ron Said (BBC1, 10.35pm) ex-ITV footie pundit Big Wrong Atkinson tries to get his head around the racism issue, and understand why he caused such outrage this year with his abusive remarks about ex-Chelsea star Marcel Desailly.

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ITV1 MERIDIAN

As ITV1 London except: 2.30 The Grand Tour. A personal grand tour of fascinating places. Not far from the centre of Sevenoaks, Knole is the largest private house in the country, extending over four acres 955. 3.00 Meridian News, Weather 6019145. 6.00 Meridian Tonight 684. 7.00 Emmerdale. Val's Italian stallion is exposed as a complete sham 6435. 7.30 Coronation Street. Les bites off more than he can chew 348. 8.00 Tonight With Trevor McDonald 9955. 8.30 Coronation Street 4690. 9.00 Can't Buy Me Love 5597. 10.30-11.00 ITV News 27313.

ITV1 WESTCOUNTRY

As ITV1 London except: 2.30 Arts And Crafts. Series about craft fayres. This programme visits the Truro Food Fair, where artist Paul Nicholls auctions off his work in aid of the St Agnes Surf Lifesaving Club 955. 3.00 West Country News. Regional news from across the south west, with the latest weather forecast 6019145. 6.00 West Country Live. Regional news from across the south west, with the latest weather forecast 684. 8.00 Tonight With Trevor McDonald 9955. 8.30 Coronation Street 4690. 9.00 Can't Buy Me Love 5597. 10.30-11.00 ITV News 27313.

ITV1 ANGLIA

As ITV1 London except: 2.30 Streetcombers. Andy Kane and Roo Ryde meet people who put unwanted furniture outside their houses, and the streetcombers who give them another life. Today, they are in the village of Holton 955. 3.00 Anglia News, Weather. The latest news from across the region, plus weather 6019145. 6.00 Anglia Tonight. News, features and sport from around the east of England. Presented by Caroline Oldrey and Tim Curtis 684. 8.00 Tonight With Trevor McDonald 9955. 8.30 Coronation Street 4690. 9.00 Can't Buy Me Love 5597. 10.30-11.00 ITV News 27313.

ITV1 CENTRAL

As ITV1 London except: 2.30 Out Of The Frying Pan II. Unwary folk spend a surprise evening as a cook at a top restaurant. Filmmaker Debbie Aston gets to grips with rack of lamb at a Birmingham brasserie 955. 3.00 Central News, Weather, Lifeline. The latest news from around the region 6019145. 6.00 Central News At Six, Weather. Early evening news from around the Midlands. Followed by Central Weather 684. 8.00 Tonight With Trevor McDonald 9955. 8.30 Coronation Street 4690. 9.00 Can't Buy Me Love 5597. 10.30-11.00 ITV News 27313.

ITV1 WEST

As ITV1 London except: 2.30 Beat The Dealer. Ordinary folk try to outdo antiques expert Rolfey. Carol and Eric Wood buy wisely at Gloucester Cattle Market car boot sale. Will they make much profit when the items are sold on? 955. (Wales): 2.30 Food For All Seasons. A week of seasonal cookery with chef Matt Tebbutt and presenter Becky Wicks. Dishes today include a squash risotto, free range chicken, plus panettone bread and butter pudding 955. 3.00 West/Wales News, Weather 6019145. 6.00-6.30 West/Wales News, Weather 684.

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E4

2.00 WITHOUT A TRACE See 6pm 63635329
3.00 THE SIMPLE LIFE Reality series in which society princesses Paris Hilton and Nicole Richie leave the comforts of their lavish lifestyles to live with a hardworking farming family in rural America 29798503
3.30 SMALLVILLE: SUPERMAN THE EARLY YEARS See 7pm 19406313
4.30 HOLLYOAKS Bombhead needs to talk to Tony, but Tony won't shut up 99390752
5.00 FRIENDS See 8pm 29700348
5.30 FRIENDS See 8.30pm 99487232
6.00 WITHOUT A TRACE When a priest disappears, Jack begins to think that the man is involved in some wrongdoing rather than being the possible victim of a crime 81023619
7.00 SMALLVILLE: SUPERMAN THE EARLY YEARS While languishing in Belle Reve sanatorium after being placed there by his father, Lex schemes to escape and becomes involved with three inmates with vengeance on their mind - Van McNulty, Eric Summers and Ian Randall 10217752
8.00 FRIENDS Joey and Chandler regret letting Ross move in with them. Rachel schemes to get her new neighbour to ask her on a date 29799232
8.30 FRIENDS The friends find out about Monica's worst ever Thanksgiving 29612139
9.00 WIFE SWAP Sam, from a family of fitness fanatics, swaps places with Carol-Anne, whose family's major exercise is shopping via the internet 10213936
10.00 BO' SELECTA! VOL 3 Featuring Patsy Kensit and agent Keith Lemon 57114139
10.30 THE LAST CHANCERS The arrival of singer-guitarist Liv worries lead singer Johnny when he realises she is infinitely more talented than he is. The group take part in a Battle of the Bands contest 84140077
11.05 BO' SELECTA! VOL 3 85967874
11.50 BO' SELECTA! VOL 3 21502619
12.30 Hollyoaks 1.00 Hollyoaks On The Pull 1.10 Wife Swap 2.15 The Last Chancers 2.40 Bo' Selecta! Vol 3 3.10 Bo' Selecta! Vol 3 3.40 Close

BBC THREE

7.00 The 7 O'Clock News On BBC Three 7.30 Body Hits 8.00 Trauma 8.30 Little Angels 9.00 When Did You Last See Your Father? 10.00 EastEnders 10.30 Spooks: Access All Areas. Libby Potter reveals the secrets of hit drama Spooks. Via interviews with cast and crew and insider information from real spies, she lifts the lid on the secret world of espionage 11.25 Two Pints Of Lager And A Packet Of Crisps 11.55 Two Pints Of Lager And A Packet Of Crisps 12.25 Brothel 12.55 Brothel 1.25 Spooks: Access All Areas 2.20 Dreamspaces 2.50 Liquid Assets 3.50 Close

SCI-FI

6.00 Ray Bradbury Theatre 7.00 Teleshopping 10.00 Quantum Leap 11.00 Lone Gunmen 12.00 Witchblade 1.00 The Pretender 2.00 Alien Abduction: The Mystery Unravels 3.00 Outer Limits 4.00 Quantum Leap 5.00 Ghost Stories 6.00 Witchblade 7.00 Pretender 8.00 Children Of Dune 9.35 New Twilight Zone 10.00 Film: Back To The Future (1985) Fantasy, starring Michael J Fox 12.10 Film: Wishmaster (1997) Horror 1.50 Film: The Lottery (1996) Drama 3.30 Ray Bradbury Theatre 4.00 Lexx 5.00-6.00 Tracker

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9.00 ChiPs 10.00 Marlin World Cup 11.00 Alias 12.00 Games Attack 12.30 Gamer 1.00 Street Crime 1.30 Dumbest Criminals 2.45 Seven Days 3.40 Global UFO Warning 4.30 Game-Pad 5.00 Gamer 5.30 Games Attack 6.00 Knight Rider 7.00 Street Crime 7.30 Games Attack 8.00 Alias 9.00 Outrageous Behaviour 9.30 Street Crime 10.00 Booze Britain 10.30 Premiership Diaries 11.00 World Of Pain 12.00 Bullrun 12.30 Bare 1.00 Sin Cities 1.30 Flash 2.00 Exposure 2.55 Excentrics 3.00 Close



SMASH HIT: Last Chancers, E4, 10.30pm

UKTV GOLD

6.00 Neighbours 6.30 As Time Goes By 7.10 Yes, Minister 7.50 Doctors 8.25 EastEnders 9.00 The Bill 10.00 Holly City 11.00 Casualty 12.00 Doctors 12.40 EastEnders 1.20 Keeping Up Appearances
2.00 BERGERAC See 6pm 4669787
3.00 THE BILL Harker and Daly look horns over the integrity of a reformed drug dealer 2121329
4.00 HOLBY CITY Tempers flare at a staff football match, and Ed Keating's past returns to haunt him 2037936
5.00 CASUALTY Duffy and Comfort learn they both have secret admirers 5909771
6.00 BERGERAC An 80th birthday party in France turns out to be more eventful than Jim could have imagined 3671787
7.00 YES, MINISTER MP Jim Hacker discovers embarrassing information about the sale of British arms to terrorists 9763058
7.40 KEEPING UP APPEARANCES Hyacinth is at her wits' end, what with the charity shop and Rose's love life 9059868
8.20 AS TIME GOES BY Jean worries that Lionel's work prospects are looking less sunny, so she tackles Lionel's publisher 6371477
9.00 ONLY FOOLS AND HORSES The Trotter clan face a worrying time when an old school friend of Dais turns up 2966023
9.35 IT WOULDN'T BE CHRISTMAS WITHOUT... A short story about the things that make Christmas special 1111481
9.40 MY FAMILY Susan is worried that the studious Michael is being led astray by a more adventurous classmate 8866597
10.20 PORRIDGE The inmates are horrified to discover a thief in their midst 3761874
11.00 ONE FOOT IN THE GRAVE Victor's conjuring group face grief when a trick goes horribly wrong 7991868
11.40 ONLY FOOLS AND HORSES 7166936
12.20 My Family 1.00 Porridge 1.40 One Foot In The Grave 2.15 The Kumars At No 42 2.50 The Bill 3.50 Where The Heart Is 4.50 Alistair McGowan's Big Impression 5.00 As Time Goes By 5.35-6.00 Neighbours

ITV3

6.00 The Darling Buds Of May 6.55 Peak Practice 7.50 Movies Now 8.00 Quincy 9.00 Chicago Hope 9.50 Film: 10.00 The Practice 10.55 LA Law 11.55 The Darling Buds Of May 1.00 Quincy 2.00 The Practice 2.55 Movies: Now 3.05 Chicago Hope 3.55 LA Law 4.55 Peak Practice 6.00 The Practice 7.00 The Darling Buds Of May 8.00 Rosemary And Thyme. Rosemary and Laura discover the body of a school handyman with his throat cut in a deserted lane. Pam Ferris and Felicity Kendal star 9.00 Hack 10.00 Inspector Morse. Morse is drawn into the case of a schoolgirl missing for six months, when her wealthy father refuses to leave any stone unturned. The investigations uncover some unsavoury home truths about the private lives of both the girl's family and the staff at her school. John Thaw and Kevin Whately star 12.00 European Film Awards 2004 2.00 Teleshopping 5.00-6.00 ITV3 Nightscreen

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(SKY 969) 10.00 Freeview 10.10 Talia's Day Off 10.30 Au Pair 11.00 Freeview 11.10 D'Id Dan 11.30 Sex Talk With Michael Van Straten 11.50 Filthy British Sluts 12.00 Freeview 12.10 Be The Mask 12.30 Ibiza Uncut 1.40 Private Vignettes 2.50 Sexx The Hard Way 4.10 My Father's

lifestyle telly

CHALLENGE

6.00 Teleshopping 7.00 Gladiators 8.00 The Crystal Maze 9.00 Fort Boyard 10.00 100 % 10.30 TV Scrabble 11.00 Play Your Cards Right 11.30 Family Fortunes 12.00 Wheel Of Fortune 12.30 Catchphrase 1.00 Classic Who Wants To Be A Millionaire? 2.00 The Krypton Factor 2.30 Bullseye 3.00 Celebrity TV Bloopers 4.00 The Crystal Maze 5.00 Classic Who Wants To Be A Millionaire? 6.00 Classic Who Wants To Be A Millionaire? 7.00 Classic Who Wants To Be A Millionaire? 8.00 Classic Who Wants To Be A Millionaire? 9.00 Classic Who Wants To Be A Millionaire? 10.00 Classic Who Wants To Be A Millionaire? 11.00 Classic Who Wants To Be A Millionaire? 12.00 Poker Kings 1.00 The Crystal Maze 2.00 Fort Boyard 3.00 Wheel Of Fortune 3.30 Family Fortunes 4.00 House Of Games 4.30 House Of Games 5.00 Play Your Cards Right 5.30-6.00 Teleshopping

HISTORY

8.00 Secrets Of The Stone Age 9.00 Radioactive: The Story Of Madame Curie 10.00 Terror Strikes Moscow 11.00 The Colour Of War: Air War 12.00 Great Crimes And Trials 12.30 Infamous Murders 1.00 The Master 2.00 Britain's Finest 3.30 Killer Queens 4.00 Guadalcanal 5.00 The Colour Of War: Air War 6.00 Line Of Fire 7.00 Islam: The Messenger. A history of Islam, looking at advances in art and science when the West was still living in the Dark Ages 8.00 The Royal Navy. Prince Andrew recalls the Battle of Trafalgar 9.00 The True Story Of Troy 11.00 Colour Of War: Air War 12.00 Scotland Yard 1.00 World's Deadliest Aircraft 2.00 Close

DISCOVERY

6.00 Untamed Amazonia 7.00 Extreme Machines 8.00 5th Gear 8.30 Working The Thames 9.00 Extreme Engineering 10.00 Salvage Squad 11.00 Extreme Machines 12.00 How The Twin Towers Collapsed 1.00 Time Team 2.00 Battlefield 3.00 Hitler's Henchmen 4.00 Machines That Won The War 5.00 How The Twin Towers Collapsed. A focus on the events of 9/11 6.00 Extreme Machines 7.00 Time Team 8.00 American Chopper 9.00 The Great Biker Build-Off 10.00 Mythbusters 11.00 Forensic Detectives 12.00 Trauma: Life In The ER 1.00 Impact 2.00 Mythbusters 3.00 The Great Biker Build-Off 4.00 American Chopper 5.00-6.00 Time Team

LIVINGTV

6.00 Home Shopping 7.00 Elmo 7.15 Busy Buses 7.25 Jungles 7.30 Molly's Gang 7.45 Tilt 7.55 Barney And Friends 8.25 Hi-5 9.00 Baby ER 9.30 Baby Baby 10.00 Pregnancy And Birth: The Truth 10.30 Med Students 11.00 Charmed 12.00 Ricki Lake 12.50 Sixth Sense 1.20 John Edward 1.50 Will & Grace 2.50 Everwood 3.45 The Hairdresser 4.15 Charmed 6.05 Will & Grace 7.00 Celebrity Snappers 7.30 Retail Therapy 8.00 Celebrity Extra 8.05 Charmed 9.00 Most Haunted Live 12.00 Dead Famous 1.00 Scream Team 1.55 Crime & Punishment 2.50 Trash To Treasure 3.40 Cold Squad 4.35 Celebrity Extra 4.45 Ricki Lake 5.30-6.00 Home Shopping

pop telly

MTV

Including at 12.30 Cries 1.00 Laguna Beach 1.30 Newliveds 2.00 Ashlee Simpson 2.30 MTV ****s Up 3.00 Cries 3.30 Christina Stripped Live 4.00 Dismissed 4.30 Boiling Points 5.00 Room Raiders 5.30 Pimp My Ride 6.00 TRL 7.00 Best Of Stars On MTV 8.00 Newliveds 8.30 A2Z: Nick And Jessica 9.00 Boiling Points 10.00 Pimp My Ride 12.00 Cries: Whips, Rides And Dubs 12.30 Celebrity Death Match 1.00 Boiling Points 1.30 Cries 2.00-6.00 All Nighter

VH-1

Including at 2.00 Top 20 Christmas Crackers 2.50 Battle Of The Band Aids 3.10 The Nation's Favourite Xmas Song: The Contenders 5.00 Xmas Number Ones: 1980-2003 7.00 Top 10 Christmas Crackers 7.55 12 Days Till Xmas 8.00 12 Days Till Xmas 9.00 Retrosexual: The 80s 10.00 When Couples Swing 11.00 Sex, Lies And Celebrities 11.35 Rich, Famous And Naked 12.00 X-Rated Videos 1.00 Orange Playlist 1.20-6.00 Greatest Hits

sporty telly

SKY SPORTS 1

6.00 FOOTBALL LEAGUE REVIEW
A look back at the recent action in the Coca-Cola Championship and Leagues One and Two 20690

7.00 WORLD WRESTLING ENTERTAINMENT: AFTERBURN Top names from World Wrestling Entertainment with all-action, pile-driving, body-slammings magic. Hosted by Marc Loyd 70232

8.00 FOOTBALL LEAGUE REVIEW
Recent action 71961

9.00 RACING NEWS
All the day's racing news and top tips 67042

9.30 FORD FOOTBALL SPECIAL Highlights of yesterday's two Premiership derbies between Aston Villa and Birmingham City at Villa Park, and the top-of-the-table clash between Arsenal and Chelsea at Highbury 55665

11.00 SPANISH FOOTBALL Weekend action from the Spanish Primera Liga as Real Madrid host Real Sociedad at the Bernabeu 51665

1.00 FOOTBALL LEAGUE REVIEW Recent action 89706

2.00 EUROPEAN RUGBY SPECIAL A round-up of the weekend's action from round four of the Heineken Cup, including highlights of Ulster v Stade Francais, Edinburgh v Newcastle Falcons and Leicester v London Wasps 879481

5.00 WORLD WRESTLING ENTERTAINMENT: AFTERBURN Hosted by Marc Loyd 2961

6.00 REVISTA DE LA LIGA Spanish football magazine 96042

7.00 FORD MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL: FULHAM v MANCHESTER UNITED Live Premiership action from Craven Cottage. The Cottagers dealt out a rare 3-1 victory over United at Old Trafford last season and will be hoping that they can repeat that feat on their home turf this campaign 8383226

10.30 YOU'RE ON SKY SPORTS Viewers voice their opinions on key soccer issues 48145

12.00 REVISTA DE LA LIGA Spanish football magazine 84062

1.00 FORD MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL: FULHAM v MANCHESTER UNITED Another chance to see the earlier live game 1547191

4.30-6.00 YOU'RE ON SKY SPORTS Football phone-in 47337

SKY SPORTS 2

6.00 AEROBICS: OZ STYLE 2061416 6.30 Freeze Sports 5445435

7.00 European Rugby Special 8255042

10.00 US Golf 8608690

1.00 European Tour Golf: Dunhill Championship 5344752

3.00 US GOLF Day four of the Target World Challenge 9538464

6.00 FREEZE SPORTS Winter sports 9754348

6.30 WILD SPIRITS Extreme sports 9665400

7.00 SHOWJUMPING Highlights of That Championship Season from Spruce Meadows 2294961

8.00 INTERNATIONAL BOWLS: AUSTRALIAN INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL Clayton Parker takes on Steve Halmi in the men's semi-finals at Tweed Heads Bowls Club in New South Wales 2118597

10.00 SHOWJUMPING Highlights from Spruce Meadows 2293232

11.00 WORLD POOL CHAMPIONSHIP 2004 Day seven from Taipei City, Taiwan 3441665

1.00 FISHING: CARP SHOW 3620917

1.30 SHOWJUMPING 1033998

2.30 CLOSE

SKY SPORTS 3

9.00 WORLD POOL CHAMPIONSHIP 2004 54320232

11.00 Racing News 73945771 11.30 Aerobics: Oz Style 73946400

12.00 NFL: Double Header 69508329

4.00 FREEZE SPORTS Extreme winter sports action 88746226

4.30 WILD SPIRITS A look at the world of extreme sports, from rock climbing to white-water rafting 88735110

5.00 NBA BASKETBALL: PHILADELPHIA v MILWAUKEE Top-flight action from the National Basketball Association as the Philadelphia 76ers take on the Milwaukee Bucks 75374067

7.00 NFL: DOUBLE HEADER A double bill of gridiron action from the NFL as the end of the regular season draws near. Here, the Houston Texans take on the Indianapolis Colts, and the Pittsburgh Steelers face the New York Jets 75931905

11.00 WORLD MOTOR SPORT Motor sport magazine, featuring a comprehensive round-up of events, a guide to the top meetings, and previews of major events in store 30695597

1.30 CLOSE

AT THE RACES: Racing news from 9am-11.45pm

EUROSPORT

7.30 SKIING Men's Downhill World Cup action from Val d'Isere 7372232

8.45 BIATHLON The World Cup event from Norway, featuring the women's pursuit 5244145

9.30 SKI JUMPING The World Cup in Harrachov, Czech Republic 46961

11.00 CROSS COUNTRY European championships event in Germany 35394

11.30 TRACK CYCLING WORLD CUP Action from Los Angeles 69868

1.00 FOOTBALL Coverage of the CAF Champions League Final, second leg as Etoile Sahel of Tunisia travel to Nigeria to take on Enyimba to contest the title 74874

2.00 LIVE ALPINE SKIING WORLD CUP The men's slalom from Sestriere 36477

3.00 SKI JUMPING The World Cup in Harrachov, Czech Republic 3130690

4.15 EUROGOALS Latest action 510868

5.15 LIVE ALPINE SKIING WORLD CUP The second leg of the men's slalom from Sestriere, Italy 1378955

6.00 GOLF 5987

6.30 WATTS Sports magazine 7077

7.00 SUPERMOTO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP From Italy 5058

7.30 BOXING The French light-heavyweight title bout between Jean-Louis Mandengue and Bellati Hakkar 89110

9.30 BRITISH EUROSPORT NEWS Report 873232

9.45 GOLF 698969

10.15 EUROGOALS The best recent games 970706

11.15 FOOTBALL: UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE HAPPY HOUR 969690

12.15 BRITISH EUROSPORT NEWS Report 5733795

12.30 CLOSE

MUTV

Including at **4.15** United In Press **5.00** Re United **5.30** Reserve Highlights **6.00** Countdown **2 Kick-Off** **8.00** Cantona Classics **9.45** Premiership Special **11.00** Day In The Life Of Old Trafford **11.30** Re United **12.00** The Match **2.00** Teleshopping **3.00** Close

EXTREME

Including at **6.25** Tony Hawk's Underground **2** **6.30** Cactus Garden **7.00** Subject To Change **7.30** Blank Vandal **8.00** Ride Guide Mountainbike **8.30** Drop In TV **9.00** Legends Of The Extreme **10.00** Gravity Games **2003** **11.00-12.00** Crap

Virginia Blackburn

...on last night's telly

HOLLYWOOD has a lot to answer for. There I was, sitting and watching **SEVEN WONDERS OF ANCIENT EGYPT** (Saturday, Five), the first programme in Five's Egypt week.

Yet, as one marvel after another appeared on the small screen, all I could think was, 'That doesn't half look like an out-take from The Mummy.'

And it did, too, with all those shaven-headed men dressed in loincloths, labouring away in the service of the pharaoh. How nice that Five, for once, is running something half decent.

And it contained one absolute gem: namely, that one of the most successful pharaohs ever, Hatshepsut, was a woman. She

actually led armies into war, conquered parts of Africa and built one of the biggest temples in Egypt, which we were occasionally able to admire when the graphics stopped and a bit of photography was allowed in.

Tribute

And what happened after her death? Her male successors, horrified at the thought that a woman had been the most powerful Egyptian of her day, rubbed out her face from the temple. Typical.

Not that the pharaohs were an overtly modest lot. Each one seemed set on producing an even greater tribute to himself than the last, hence the huge numbers

of temples, pyramids and, of course, the Sphinx, the lion with a human head in Egypt.

Ramesses II seemed keen on leaving a little something to posterity, given that he commissioned not one, but two 69ft statues of himself.

"Building on an enormous scale never daunted the pharaohs," said one expert, and he could have said that again as we were treated to views of one vast temple complex after another. It got more and more like The Mummy as it went on.

Ramesses II's tomb is constructed so that light reaches the innermost sanctum just twice a year. Come on, how Hollywood is that?

titter telly

DISNEY

6.00 The Little Mermaid
6.25 Aladdin **6.50** House Of Mouse **7.15** Lizzie McGuire **7.35** That's So Raven **8.00** That's So Raven **8.25** Dave The Barbarian **8.50** Kim Possible **9.15** Fillmore! **9.40** Sabrina **10.05** The Proud Family **10.30** Art Attack **10.50** House Of Mouse **11.15** The Legend Of Tarzan: The Animated Series **11.40** Lilo And Stitch **12.05** Dave The Barbarian **12.30** Recess **12.55** Kim Possible **1.20** Lizzie McGuire **1.45** That's So Raven **2.10** Teen Angel **2.35** The Proud Family **3.00** Art Attack **3.20** Fillmore! **3.45** Recess **4.05** Recess **4.30** Kim Possible **5.00** Lizzie McGuire **5.30** That's So Raven **6.00** Like Family **6.30** 8 Simple Rules For Dating My Teenage Daughter **7.00** Film: Recess: School's Out (2001) Animation. TJ uncovers strange goings on at the school. When the principal disappears, he decides to get the gang together and investigate **8.20** Recess **8.35** Recess **9.00** Lizzie McGuire **9.30** 8 Simple Rules For Dating My Teenage Daughter **10.00** 8 Simple Rules For Dating My Teenage Daughter **10.30** Home Improvement **11.00** Home Improvement **11.30** Boy Meets World **12.00** Close

PARAMOUNT

9.00 Kate And Allie **9.30** Cheers **10.00** Married With Children **10.30** 3rd Rock From The Sun **11.00** Ned & Stacey **11.30** Dharma And Greg **12.00** M*A*S*H **12.30** M*A*S*H **1.00** 3rd



MAIN ATTRACTION: Ryan and Babs, TCM, 9pm

Rock From The Sun **1.30** Ellen **2.00** Ally McBeal **3.30** Ned & Stacey **3.30** Everybody Loves Raymond **4.00** Soap **4.30** Minder. Vintage larks with the ducking and diving Artur Daley **5.30** Becker **6.00** Frasier **6.30** Roseanne **7.00** M*A*S*H **7.30** M*A*S*H **8.00** Seinfeld **8.30** Becker, Ted Danson stars **9.00** That 70s Show **9.30** Frasier. A double bill with Kelsey Grammer's Seattle shrink **10.00** Frasier **10.30** Sex And The City **11.05** Ally McBeal **12.05** Kate And Allie **12.35** Sex And The City **1.10** Ally McBeal **2.05** Cheers **2.35** Taxi **3.30** Linc's **3.30** Shock Jock **4.00** Close

NICKELODEON

6.00 Arthur **6.30** Rugrats **7.00** SpongeBob SquarePants **7.30** Nickelmas Advent Calendar **8.00** Drake And Josh **8.30** Mr Bean **9.00** As Told By Ginger **9.30** Arthur **10.30** CatDog **11.30** Rugrats **12.30** Mr Bean **1.30** Arthur **2.00** Rugrats **3.00** As Told By Ginger **3.30** SpongeBob

SquarePants **4.00** Fairly Odd Parents **4.30** All Grown Up! **5.00** Drake And Josh **5.30** The Sleepover Club **6.00** What I Like About You **6.30** Sabrina **7.00** Saved By The Bell **7.30** Fairly Odd Parents **8.30** Kenan And Kel **9.00** SpongeBob SquarePants **9.30** Sister Sister **10.00** Close

TROUBLE

7.00 Moesha **7.30** 70s Show **8.00** Two Guys **8.30** Wayans **9.00** My Sister **9.30** 70s Show **9.55** Jesse **10.20** Embarrassing Parents **10.50** Malibu **11.20** Wayans **11.50** High School **12.20** Fresh Prince **12.50** Clueless **1.15** Clean N Clear **1.20** 70s Show **1.50** Malibu **2.20** Embarrassing Parents **2.50** Date My Sister **3.20** Celebrity Bodies **3.55** Clean N Clear **4.00** Fresh Prince **4.30** Run Of The House **5.00** One On One **5.30** Parkers **6.00** Grounded **6.30** Clueless **6.55** Clean N Clear **7.00** Moesha **7.30** My Sister **8.00** Malibu **8.30** Spider-Man **9.00** Undergrads **9.35** Parkers **10.05** One On One **10.35** Run Of The House **11.05** Paradise Hotel **12.00** Grounded **12.30** Jesse **1.00** Close

TCM

Including at **7.00** Hearts Of The West (1975) Western, with Jeff Bridges **9.00** The Main Event (1979) Comedy, starring Barbra Streisand and Ryan O'Neal **11.05** The Carey Treatment (1972) Drama, starring James Coburn **12.55** Guns For San Sebastian (1968) Western, starring Anthony Quinn **2.45-3.00** Shopping

radio

Radio 1 (FM: 97.6-99.8MHz) 7.00 Chris Moyles. 10.00 Jo Whiley. 12.45 Newsbeat. 1.00 Colin And Edith. 4.00 Scott Mills. 7.00 Zane Lowe. 9.00 Lamacq Live. 1.00 The Breezeblock. 3.00 Oneclick/Magazine. 4.00 Nemone.

Radio 2 (FM: 88-90.2MHz) 6.00 Sarah Kennedy. 7.30 Wake Up To Wogan. 9.30 Ken Bruce. 12.00 Jeremy Vine. 2.00 Steve Wright. 5.05 Johnnie Walker. 7.00 Album Chart. 8.00 Humphrey Lyttelton. 9.00 Jazz Crusade. 10.00 Big Band Special. 10.30 The Mark Radcliffe Show. 12.00 Janice Long. 3.00 Alex Lester.

Radio 4 (FM: 92.4-94.6MHz, LW: 198 KHz) 5.35 News. Shipping. 5.43 Prayer. 5.45 Farming. 5.57 Weather. 6.00 Today. 9.00 News. Start The Week. 9.45 Book Of The Week: The Explorer's Daughter. (LW) 9.45 Daily Service. 10.00 News. Woman's Hour. (LW) 10.00 Rejoins FM. 11.00 News. Tales From The Toppath. 11.30 Our Brave Boys. 12.00 News. You And Yours. (LW) 12.00 News. Shipping. (LW) 12.04 Rejoins FM. 12.57 Weather. 1.00 The World At One. 1.30 Mastercarte. 2.00 News. The Archers. 2.15 Afternoon Play. 3.00 News. Money Box Live. 3.30 Thou Shalt Not Suffer A Witch. 3.45 Silverscreen Crackers. 4.00 News. Food Programme. 4.30 Four Corners. 5.00 PM. (LW) 5.54 Shipping. (LW) 5.57 Weather. 6.00 News. (LW) 6.00 Rejoins FM. 6.30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue. 7.00 News. The Archers. 7.15 Front Row. 7.45 Three Wise Men And A Baby In A Pear Tree. 8.00 News. Don't Mourn. Organize. 8.30 Ay Mariachi! 9.00 News. Path Of The Panther. 9.30 Start The Week. 9.59 Weather. 10.00 World Tonight. 10.45 Book At Bedtime: Frankenstein. 11.00 News. Home Truths. 11.30 Parliament. 12.00 News. 12.30 Book Of The Week: The Explorer's Daughter. 12.48 Shipping. 1.00 BBC World Service.

Radio 5 Live (MW: 909, 693kHz) 5.00 Morning Reports. 6.00 Breakfast. 9.00 Victoria Derbyshire. 12.00 The Midday News. 1.00 Simon Mayo. 4.00 Drive. 7.00 Sport On Five. 10.00 Matthew Bannister. 1.00 Up All Night. **Virgin Radio** 6.00 Pete And Geoff. 10.00 Russ Williams. 1.00 Neil Francis. 4.00 Kelly At Drivetime. 7.00 Ben Jones. 10.00 Martin Collins. 1.00 Robin Burke. 4.00 John Osborne.

talkSPORT 6.00 Brazil And Beecroft. 10.00 Collins And Parry. 1.00 Hawksbee And Cascaro. 4.00 Kinghorn And Cascaro. 7.00 Kick Off. 10.00 James Whale. 1.00 Mike Mendoza.

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JANE O'GORMAN SOLVES YOUR PROBLEMS TODAY AND EVERY DAY

Best pal bitches about my man

IT'S one thing for me to slag off my husband.

But I really object to the fact that my best friend has started doing it, too.

She refers to him as "that useless lump" and is constantly criticising the things that he does and the way he treats me.

I'm beginning to wish that I had never confided in her about his drinking and womanising.

Last week, we were out with the girls on a Christmas booze-up and she spent the night telling stories about my man.

At one point, she even did an impression of him falling down our stairs.

Everyone was in hysterics but I was really embarrassed.

Afterwards I told her I wished she hadn't done that but she just pooh-poohed me and repeated that he was an a**hole.

The thing is, my husband is a bit of prat but I've decided to stick with him and I don't need her making things any worse.

JANE SAYS: The problem with slagging anyone off is that you open the floodgates for everyone else to join in.

So it's never a good idea to criticise our partners, our children or our extended families in public. It's never very nice hearing the criticisms back again.

The problem with your friend is that she's become over-familiar. She thinks she can say anything she likes about your husband, because you do.

Some mates are great to talk to but this one is being insensitive and disloyal.

From today, start being more selective about what you reveal. If there are problems in your marriage, then talk to your husband and start to get them sorted.

He needs to speak to his GP or Alcoholics Anonymous (0845 769 7555) about his drinking and you both need to visit Relate (0845 456 1310) regarding his infidelities.

HAPPY WITHOUT SEX

I'M 27 and I've never had sex. I've never had a French kiss or held another person's hand.

I've never fancied another individual, male or female, or felt the slightest inclination to get involved in a relationship.

I have plenty of friends but back off when someone starts fancying me.

I'm perfectly happy living on my own without experiencing any sexual desire whatsoever. But the

thing is, how do I explain this to my family this Christmas?

Once again they will demand to know why I'm still single and why I'm not producing grandchildren.

In only a few days' time, I'm travelling up to my parents' house to face at least 25 puzzled relatives – and I'm dreading it.

JANE SAYS: Quite a bit has been written recently about people who are

"asexual", men and women who have no desire to have sex with anyone.

They have no sex drive and live quite normal lives but without any physical contact. It is estimated half a million Britons fall into this category.

You clearly feel comfortable with yourself but resent outside intrusion.

Before you visit your folks, you might find it useful to check out a web-

site www.asexuality.org which is devoted to this subject. There is a forum where people like yourself discuss their feelings and coping strategies.

If you don't feel up to a questions from your family, have a quiet word with your mother or father in advance.

Reveal as much as you are comfortable with but do ask them to respect your choice of lifestyle and stop nagging you.

Xmas mystery of absent hubby

MY partner has casually announced he won't be home for Christmas – again.

He claims he's got to take a package to New York which must be hand delivered on Christmas morning.

He won't be back until New Year's Day and he says if he refuses his boss will sack him, we'll lose the house and end up on the streets.

I just don't believe him. It seems that every time it's holiday season, he has to be somewhere else. Last Easter, it

was Australia on Good Friday and in the summer he was forced to spend two weeks in Cuba "on a job". The rest of the year he's always nipping off at odd times, too.

The weirdest thing is, I can never manage to contact him on these special missions.

Weird

He never knows which hotel he'll be staying in and his mobile phone is rarely switched on.

I've asked him over and over again if there is another woman in his life

but he swears not. He insists he's only working for us and doesn't like the separations any more than I do. I just find the whole thing so weird.

My best friend is convinced he's got another family somewhere but I've never found a rogue receipt.

I've never discovered knickers in his suitcase and we're still having as much sex as ever.

What do you think is going on?

JANE SAYS: Is there no way that you can get hold of his mobile phone bill? I'm sure it would make very interesting reading.

Failing that, make friends with his boss and pick his brains. I can't say whether your husband is leading a double life but his behaviour does seem odd.

If he does have another woman – and possibly a family as well – then he must be under big pressure to spend Christmas, Easter and summer holidays with them.

Juggling a double-life may seem far-fetched but your partner wouldn't be the first man to try it.

Sadly, I get many letters from women who have discovered their man has a whole other life in a different part of the country.

Recruit your Miss Marple of a mate and see what you can find out together.

Baby can't be mine

MY girlfriend has announced she's pregnant and says the baby is mine.

But I just don't know how it can be. For starters, I've been working away from home for the most of the past three months and have barely seen her.

The only time I remember us making love was back in November – and I wore a condom. She's says it must have broken because she's pregnant and I'm definitely the dad.

If I'm honest, I was thinking about breaking up with her because I've heard rumours about her going around with other blokes.

But she's told me that we must get married in January and no arguments. I've

got a horrible feeling that I'm being stitched up.

JANE SAYS: I don't think that you should make any hasty decisions. If feel you're being pushed into a corner, then stand up for yourself.

If you've been out of the country, ask around and find out who she's been hanging out with. If she has been sleeping with other guys, confront her.

There's no way of knowing if the baby is yours until it is born. Then you'll have to 'do a Blunkett' and have a DNA test.

Talk to your parents and ask for their support in making the best decision. Also call Careline (020 8514 1177) if you need support.



JANE'S ADVICE LINES

(Calls cost 60p per minute from a BT landline)

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Coping With A Break-up

0905 062 2181
Finding The Perfect Partner

0905 062 2182
My Sex Life Is Boring

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Boost Your Confidence

0905 062 2184
The Female Orgasm

0905 062 2185
My Partner Is Having An Affair

0905 062 2186
I'm So Lonely

0905 062 2187
Coping With Jealousy

0905 062 2188
Having Sex After A Baby

0905 062 2189
We Argue All The Time

0905 062 2190
Loving For The First Time

0905 062 2191
Fantastic Sex

To have a problem answered on this page, write to JUST JANE, Daily Star, 10 Lower Thames Street, London EC3R 6EN

PARTY SHOCK

Day One

EMMA IS GETTING READY FOR WORK



It's Christmas soon. I can't wait for all the parties



Perhaps I'll meet the man of my dreams...

EMMA HAS A QUICK FANTASY



BACK TO REALITY



Fantastic... Sarah is having a party and it's fancy dress

CONTINUES TOMORROW

**HAVE YOUR PHONE
TOMORROW!**



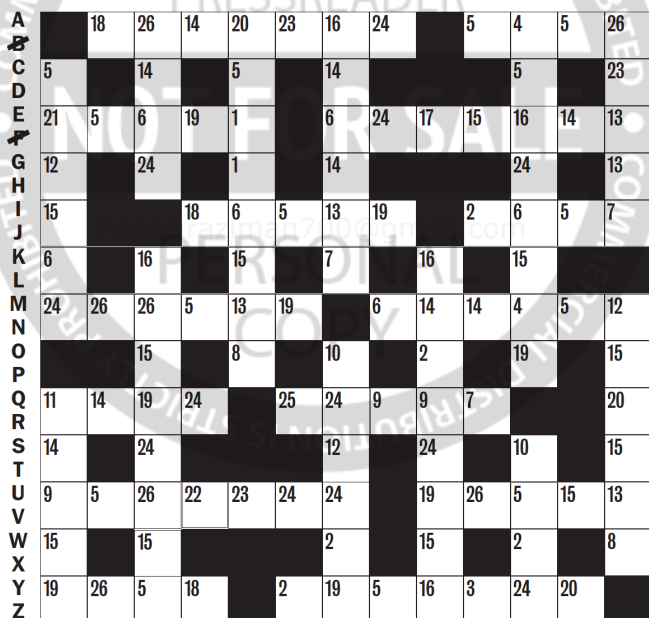
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

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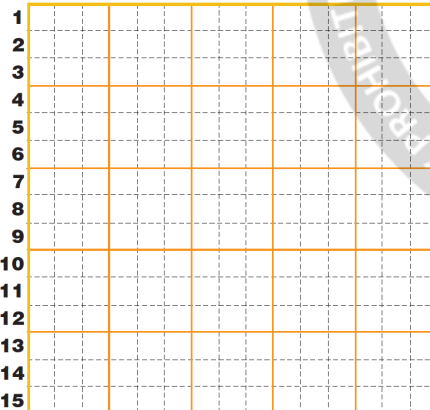
JIGSAW

Can you fit the blocks together in the empty grid to form a completed crossword? The finished grid will have full symmetry.

ACROSS

- 1 Implied • Tyre's surface
- 2 Flow (from)
- 3 Silky fabric • Wait at table
- 4 Roman X • Play cricket
- 5 Musical work • Sleigh (US)
- 6 Instance used as an example
- 7 Second Greek letter • Twelve months

- 8 Ambassador
- 9 Profound • Poke
- 10 Plead on another's behalf
- 11 Pace • Saucy
- 12 Antique • Wager
- 13 Postage sticker • Bird of prey
- 14 Lift up
- 15 Roman language • Blend together



Spot Test

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 4 Crease 5 Striker
 6 Leg spin 7 Declare 8 Infield 9
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CRYPTIC CLUES

ACROSS

- 1 Tunes you can give yourself pretentiously (4)
- 3 The last drink to have with a hat on! (8)
- 9 Remember you can write them! (7)
- 10 Girl who shows you the way? (5)
- 11 Where couples tie the knot in the Wild West? (8,4)
- 13 How soldiers move part of foot (6)
- 15 Mr Barlow and Mr Fairclough back in the doghouse (6)
- 17 Start a row by putting props on stage? (6,1,5)
- 20 Approach to a quick climb? (3-2)
- 21 Some clever dictionaries will give you a decision (7)
- 22 Left alone, prepare dose after the expected time (8)
- 23 Challenge that rebounds in many federations (4)

DOWN

- 1 Critical place in the living-room (8)
- 2 Right time's come up to send money (5)
- 4 Annie's crazy, round the bend (6)
- 5 Selling of sorts that's a feature of fine weather? (4,8)
- 6 Red edges in Conservative border (7)
- 7 The first boy in blue with exterior of orange! (4)
- 8 I seem chap all prepared as chat show host (7,5)
- 12 How current experts can speak a language? (8)
- 14 Contracts for psychiatrists (7)
- 16 Expensive material you associate with pile-up (6)
- 18 Old lie concocted by one who's banished (5)
- 19 One freed is very dry (4)

QUICK CLUES

ACROSS

- 1 Affected manners (4)
- 3 Drink before bed (8)
- 9 An autobiographical record (7)
- 10 To steer (5)
- 11 Where cowboy ties his horse (8,4)
- 13 Part of foot (6)
- 15 Doghouse (6)
- 17 Cause a disturbance (6,1,5)
- 20 Make a garment quickly (3,2)
- 21 A decision or judgment (7)

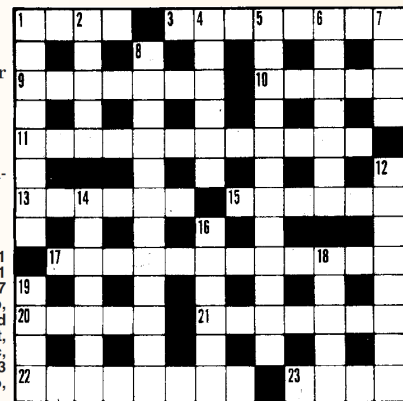
- 22 Forlorn, wretched (8)
- 23 Openly resist authority (4)

DOWN

- 1 Comfortable seat (8)
- 2 Send money by post (5)
- 4 Mad (6)
- 5 This brings good weather (4,8)
- 6 Deep red colour (7)
- 7 Orange skin (4)
- 8 This Is Your Life host (7,5)
- 12 In a flowing way (8)
- 14 Becomes smaller after washing (7)
- 16 Fabric with soft pile (6)
- 18 Banish from the country (5)
- 19 Parched (4)

SUNDAY'S SOLUTION: ACROSS – 1 Cafeteria, 7 Compo, 9 Sadistic, 11 Lie, 12 Secrecy, 14 Visa, 15 Rim, 17 Nil, 18 Pool, 20 Tobacco, 23 Thump, 24 Imposter, 26 Model, 27 Errand boy, DOWN – 2 Aisle, 3 Eider, 4 Rot, 5 Acclaim, 6 Portfolio, 8 Mechanic, 10 Sick, 12 Serve time, 13 Compound, 16 Compile, 19 So-so, 21 Acted, 22 Curio, 25 Par.

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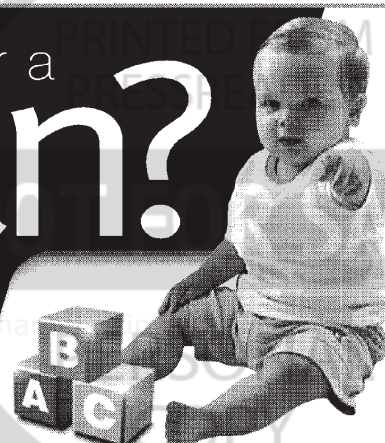
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GLYN JONES, Wigan, Lancashire.

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take of Manchester as a place where everyone's a Bernard Manning fan who says "chuck" after every sentence. Maybe it's no surprise the Beeb is going to the wall, with such outdated jibes.

D GORDON, Manchester.

I THINK they should make shopping at the peak of Christmas time one of the tasks on I'm A Celebrity... After the bumping and bruising, surly staff and utter confusion, I'd take my chances with the bugs and snakes any day.

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- ☐ who the hell does hypocritical cow sharon osbourne think she is 2 slag off steve when she went on tv feeling so so sorry 4 herself and her poor little ex burglar husband ozzy. talk about FAKE. **Dave**
- ☐ what a vile person that sharon osbourne is 2 spit out that personal hatred 2 steve. she obviously feels intimidated by anyone with a nice personality who is also normal, unlike her bunch of freaks of nature. **kate**
- ☐ NOW THAT STEVE HAS WON THE X FACTOR WHICH WAY WILL HE GO? WILL HE FOLLOW IN WILL YOUNG'S FOOTSTEPS OR END UP LIKE FLOP IDOL MICHELLE MAC-MANUS? **JENNY**
- ☐ X FACTOR IS A FIX G4 SHOULD AVE WON. YES DESSIE I WILL MARRY U XXX. **SHELL, DONCASTER**
- ☐ upset g4 4ever. love you 4ever will buy cd as it goes on sale
- ☐ X factor fixed - coincidence simon created the show then won it. G4 shud hav won. **kt**
- ☐ steve u deserve 2 win x factor its a shame u didnt hv much competition! Sharon osbourne ur a prat like the rest of ur family. **Kerry d, mitcham**
- ☐ kelly Osborne says she's not fat, just big boned. she's not talentless either, she just cant sing or act also,



Britney pics fri best eva. Sex on legs. Lucky bloody Kevin. **Redman, Liverpool**

she's not ignorant & rude, she just takes after Sharon. **Ben**

- STOP ACTING LIKE A 5 YEAR OLD. BLAGGER**
- ☐ Im a Beau Peep man. I av been since 1981/2. **BEST CARTOON EVA. Decko**
 - ☐ Discover a new way of life, play Marbles. **Los Marillos, Plymouth**
 - ☐ Dont scrap The Black Watch. Put them in charge of immigration. **BET UDONPRINTHAT**
 - ☐ when is our government going to look after the working people instead of the dossers. **slogger**
 - ☐ turning 21 on friday dont even want to go out! Why? Done it all b4 wen i was 15! Need to slow down or it will b a pipe and slippers nxt yr! **Nettie, Liverpool**
 - ☐ 2 Mackey & Tommy if IRA r really dedicated 2 peace process they shud b proud 2 show pics of them dumping guns, so wats ur problem? **VIOLET**
 - ☐ Why don't paisley and blair witness the arms being scrapped. No need for photos if they say so. **neil**
 - ☐ lets have a pic ov KATE. **THORN-TON, she's a stunner. Paula in Dumfries**
 - ☐ pls let hunt munta 2 buy sum BIG pants an keep em on! put me off me dumplings. **Ady**
 - ☐ THE HUNT WOMAN CUD WRITE A NOVEL ON ER ARSE, NEVA MIND A MESSAGE! **JON**
 - ☐ could you please print some pics of peter andre hes wel fit! **dal raine**
 - ☐ natasha bedingfield looked hot on top of the peps, give her the rear of the year award next. **anglesey lad**
 - ☐ put in a pic of fizz of corrie. she makes me go week in the knees. **Dave milne, Kingsholm**

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Justin Toper



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- Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)**
NO ONE can say that you are slow-witted. Despite that, you may be frozen to the spot. There is no doubt that news or developments that occur as this week begins could lead to restlessness and nervous tension. To see why you may be impervious to what is happening elsewhere, call...
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NOT only is it business as usual, but you may get more than you wanted. This is just as well, because you have been lagging behind in the pay stakes. In some ways you are about to find out how valuable you are. If you want to find out what others are made of, call...
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- Sagittarius (Nov 23 - Dec 21)**
DUE to a potent link between the Sun and Pluto in Sagittarius, you may decide to do what you have been longing to do all along. After which, you might never be able to look certain people in the face again. To see why you seem to love creating dramas, take a moment to call...
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A NEW situation seems to have developed, and you may want to ignore it. Unfortunately, others are not ready to do so. Apart from that, a link between the Sun and Pluto will coincide with a further intrusion of privacy. To find out how to handle a variety of situations, call...
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YOU can't say life is dull at the moment. In fact, the recent new moon suggests that certain people can be adorable, and they haven't been this funny in ages. More likely, you never expected this sort of scenario. To see why you must choose your friends carefully, call...
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- Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20)**
YOU may not measure up to everyone's expectations. Besides that, the Sun is close to the mighty planet Pluto, and this could be a nerve-wracking start to the week, or when you might be sweating over a decision. To see why you may achieve a crucial goal, call...
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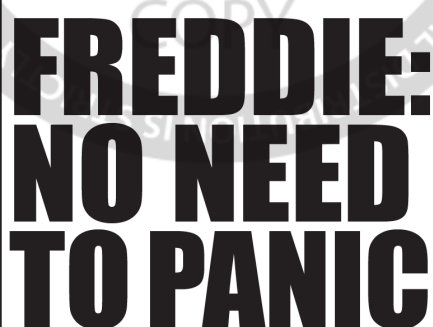
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


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Skipper Michael Vaughan scored an unbeaten 82 in their final warm-up match against the South African A team here yesterday but the rest of the England top order flopped.

England will resume in today's final day leading by just 98 on 154-7 after Vaughan rode his luck to guide his side clear of the disaster which beckoned at 3-3. But Lancashire all-rounder Andrew Flintoff reports there is still concern in the dressing-room and insisted there is more than enough practice time to get things right before the start of the five-Test series.

 **from RODNEY WHITE
in Potcheströom**

"Speaking for myself, it would have been nice to get a few more runs and spend more time out in the middle before Friday but since I've got here, I've worked hard," said Plintoff, who was out for 21 yesterday.

"I've spent a lot of time in the nets and I've lost count of the number of throw-downs that I and Robert Key have thrown at each other. We've netted hard as well and will probably have a couple more nets before Friday.

Butcher has had three innings on the tour, faced only 29 balls and scored nine runs.

No wonder he volunteered for an extra net session immediately after suffering a dubious leg-before decision as England slumped into trouble yesterday.

Marcus Trescothick and Andrew Strauss also fell cheaply as England lost three wickets inside the first four overs of their reply.

Vaughan shared a useful

Claimed "It would have been nice to spend more time in the middle but the important thing is getting myself right for Friday.

Flintoff, who claimed three wickets as South Africa lost their last five wickets for 20 runs, did admit England's performance as a whole during this match has not been up to the standards they hoped for at the start of a tour.

<p>"It's not really gone to plan but I thought we did well to come back today," he said.</p> <p>Mark Butcher heads the list of England players with question marks over their form as they approach Friday's opening Test in Port Elizabeth. Surrey's left-hander</p>	<p>boucher not out 47 Strauss & Vaughan v Hogarth 42 Strauss & Strauss v S P Jones 42 Lancashire v Gloucestershire 41 Mbatiahi v S P Jones 1 Lancashire v S P Jones 1 S P Jones v S P Jones 1 Essex v Lancashire 1</p> <p>Total (73 overs) 2817</p> <p>Fall: 113 217 3169 4183 5135 5881</p> <p>Bowling: Hogarth 19-5-66-1 17-3-6-1 S P Jones 15-1-49-33. Flintoff 17-3-2-2</p> <p>England 2nd innings 26-10-1-1 26-10-1-1 26-10-1-1</p>
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Vaughan not b 82
Thorp b Wilioughby 11
Flintoff b Morkel 21
Jones c Boucher b Mithalal 26
Giles c van Jaarsveld b Thomas 28
Hoggard not out 3
Extras 12 w1 nb4 7
Total 7 wickets (44 overs) 1549
Fall: 1-2 3-3 4-9 5-6 6-10 7-125
To Bat: S J Harrison, S P Jones
Bowling: Wilioughby 10-1-47-3
Mithalal 12-3-38-2, Langeveldt 8-3-15-0
Morkel 6-0-31-1, Thomas 6-1-15-1
Ontong 2-0-6-0

England 1st innings: 225 (Strauss 50, Langveldt 5-48)	
South Africa A 1st innings	
Puffick & Harrison.....	71
Butcher & Strauss.....	74
Onyiah & Strauss & Giles.....	56
Prince & c & Flintoff.....	33
Dumek & Flintoff.....	27
Boucher not out.....	26
Morley & Vaughan & Hoggard.....	47
Strauss & Strauss & S P Jones.....	12
Langveldt & bow Giles.....	44
Langveldt & bow Mkhali.....	21
Willoughby & c Hoggard & S P Jones.....	0
Extras (lbw nb) 12.....	20
Total (73 overs).....	281
England 2nd innings.....	181
Butcher 111 2-17 3-169 4-183 5-217	
6-261 7-275 8-280 9-281	
Bowling: Hoggard 19-5-66.1 Mkhali 19-7-30.1 S P Jones 15-1-49.3 Flintoff 15-1-50.3	
England 2nd innings	
Trescott & bow W. Willoughby.....	2
Strauss & Duminy & Mkhali.....	21
Butcher & bow W. Willoughby.....	21
Vaughan not out.....	82
Thorpe & Willoughby.....	11
Willoughby & bow Mkhali.....	21
Giles & Boucher & Mkhali.....	26
Giles & van Jaarsveld & bow Strauss.....	2
Hoggard not out.....	21
Extras (lbw nb) 4.....	4
Total 72 wks (44 overs).....	154
Fall: 1-2 2-3 3-29 4-29 5-64 6-109 7-125	
Bat: S J Harrison, S P Jones.	
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Mkhali 12-3-36.2. Langveldt 8-3-15.1	
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